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SUBJECT: ASEAN: JAPANESE-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS AFTER ASEAN COMMITTEE
ON INDUSTRY MEETING

REF: A. TOKYO 8851, B. TOKYO 8975

1. ASEAN COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY MET JUNE 16-17 IN
MANILA FOLLOWED BY INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE
DIPLOMATS (SEE REFTELS). JAPANESE EMBASSY SOURCE
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IN MANILA PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THAT
MEETING: JAPANESE POSITION IS TO MOVE AS SLOWLY
AS POLITICALLY POSSIBLE WITH REGARD TO ASEAN
CONSULTATIONS AND TO KEEP DISCUSSION ORIENTED
TOWARD SPECIFIC ECONOMIC PROJECTS ONLY AFTER THESE
PROJECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND DOCUMENTED AS
FEASIBLE.

2. FIRST ASEAN-JAPAN FORUM HELD IN MARCH WAS VERY UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE FOR JAPANESE. ASEAN REPS PUSHED FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FIVE PRINCIPLES AND WERE UNABLE TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR TERMS OF JAPANESE SUPPORT. RESULT WAS CONFRONTATION NOT DIALOGUE. JAPANESE WERE, THUS, RELUCTANT TO MEET AGAIN. ASEAN OFFICIALS INSISTED ON SOME SORT OF JOINT PREPARATION FOR AUGUST SUMMIT MEETING AND RESULT WAS COMPROMISE: JAPANESE WOULD MEET INFORMALLY WITH ASEAN REPS AFTER MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES ON INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TOURISM AND AFTER THE ECONOMIC MINISTER'S MEETING.

3. THESE PLANS HAVE NOW BEEN CHANGED, HOWEVER, ASEAN WAS RELUCTANT TO HAVE FOREIGN MINISTRY DIPLOMATS MEET WITH ECONOMIC MINISTERS BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCE IN RANK, AND INVITED JAPANESE TO MEET WITH CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES ON INDUSTRY AND ON TRADE AND TOURISM AND TO CALL ON ECONOMIC MINISTERS. THIS SITUATIONPOSED DELICATE PROTOCOL PROBLEM FOR JAPANESE (AND PERHAPS PROVIDED EXCUSE NOT TO MEET) AND GOJ DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO CONSULT AFTER ECONOMIC MINISTER'S MEETING.

4. DURING THE JAPANESE-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS AFTER
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COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY MEETING, ASEAN REPS ASKED THE JAPANESE 1) FOR ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDING AND 2) CONCESSIONAL TERMS ON ANY LOANS WHICH SHOULD BE MUCH MORE LIBERAL THAN ANY JAPANESE HAVE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED. ASEAN ARGUED THAT INTEREST RATE OF UNDER 2.5 PERCENT OVER 20 TO 30 YEARS PERIOD WOULD BE NECESSARY. GOJ REPS REPLIED THAT NO COMMITMENT TO AMOUNT OF FUNDS COULD BE MADE UNTIL SPECIFIC PROJECTS WERE DUSCISSED. WITH REGARD TO "SPECIAL" CONCESSIONARY RATES, JAPANESE MAINTAINED THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DEPART FROM NORMAL PRACTICES GOJ HAD ESTABLISHED FOR THIS TYPE OF LOAN AND REFUSED TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT. THE JAPANESE DELEGATION PROVIDED ASEAN REPS A DETAILED QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE FILLED OUT ON EACH OF FIVE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS.

5. JAPANESE EMBASSY SOURCE COMMENTED THAT INDONESIA WAS REPRESENTED AT MEETING BY RELATIVELY LOW-LEVEL FUNCTIONARY BECAUSE INDONESIAN CABINET COULD NOT RPT NOT REACH ANY AGREEMENT ON UREA PROJECT.

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